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1. GOP FOREIGN SECRETARY ROMULO GAVE INFORMAL LUNCHEON APR 23
IN HONOR OF VISITING COUNTRY DIRECTOR FLICK, TO WHICH HE ALSO
INVITED AMBASSADOR AND DOZEN CABINET SECRETARIES AND UNDER-
SECRETARIES. POINTING OUT THAT LUNCHEON WAS CONTRARY TO PROTOCOL
AND THAT SIMILAR EVENT NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR IN WASHINGTON,
ROMULO IN WELCOMING REMARKS STRESSED TRADITIONAL US-GOP TIES
OF FRIENDSHIP FORGED IN PEACE AND WAR.

2. HE THEN LAUNCHED INTO EMOTIONAL CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT
FORD'S FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH OF APR 10 FOR ITS OMISSION OF ANY
MENTION OF PHILIPPINES OR, AT MINIMUM, OF REFERENCE TO
IMPORTANCE TO U.S. OF MILITARY BASES HERE.

3. COMMENT: ROMULO'S REMARKS UNDERLINE EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF
GOP AND HURT FEELINGS AT APPARENTLY BEING TAKEN FOR GRANTED
OR BEING FORGOTTEN BY PRESIDENT.

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